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SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE PROPOSED

A proposed rate increase for residential solid waste and recycling collection in the city of Eugene is posted for comment through October 15, 2007. This increase will affect both residential and commercial customers. The overall increase is approximately 4.4% across all service types and is in addition to the disposal increase that took effect September 1, 2007.

The increase was proposed after a review of garbage haulers' expenses and revenue by city staff. According to Nancy Young, solid waste and recycling analyst for the City of Eugene, the increase is necessary to cover higher collection system costs resulting from increases in fuel, labor and other components of the rate structure. Commingled recycling has provided increased efficiencies in collection methods, as well as additional recycling revenue, which has limited the number of increases since 2003.

All residential rates will increase with the exception of the 20-gallon container. The rate for the 20-gallon container will decrease to provide incentive to customers to produce less waste. The proposed monthly rates for residential customers are as follows: 20-gallon containers will decrease \$0.35 (from \$12.60 to \$12.25); 32-gallon containers will increase \$0.90 (from \$20.30 to \$21.20); 60-gallon containers will increase \$1.55 (from \$35.40 to \$36.95); 90-gallon containers will increase \$1.95 (from \$43.75 to \$45.70.) Residents who

recycle get a \$1.50 rebate each month. For example, recyclers who use 32-gallon containers will pay \$19.70 monthly after the proposed rate increase.

Commercial rates will also increase by approximately 4.4%. A complete proposed rate schedule can be found on the City's website at www.eugene-or.gov/garbagerates.

Written comments on the proposed rate increase may be submitted in writing to the City Manager, c/o Planning & Development Department, 99 W. 10th Ave., Eugene, OR, 97401. Deadline for written comments is 5 p.m. on October 15, 2007. For more information or to submit comments by e-mail, visit the City's Web site at www.eugene-or.gov/garbagerates.

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